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Attorney Docket No.

Homolog Protease Inhibitor Gene

R-477

Disruptions

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated January 14, 2003 for which a three-month period for response was given, making this response due on or before April 14, 2003. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks set forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Applicants note that those claims not amended herein are being reiterated solely for the convenience of the Examiner.

AMENDMENTS

Sir:

In response to the Office action of January 14, 2003, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims to read as indicated:

- 1. (Twice Amended) A targeting construct, comprising:
 - (a) a first polynucleotide sequence homologous to at least a first portion of an endogenous murine stefin homolog gene comprising SEQ ID NO: 1;
 - (b) a second polynucleotide sequence homologous to at least a second portion of the stefin homolog gene;